

2024 NS14 Association AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS



NOTICE OF RACE

Saturday 6th January to
Wednesday 10th January 2024

Organising Authorities



Southport Yacht Club Inc.

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1. INVITATION

Southport Yacht Club extends a warm invitation to all Skippers & Crews of eligible boats to enter and compete in the 2024 Australian NS14 Championships from Saturday 6th January 2024 to Wednesday 10th January 2024. The Championships will be conducted on both, the offshore waters between Main Beach & Surfers Paradise and on the inland waters of the Broadwater between Wavebreak Island & the Measured Mile (Subject to prevailing weather conditions). A combination of Windward, Leeward, Triangle and Passage type courses will be sailed.

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) shall be Southport Yacht Club Inc. (SYC) located at 1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell QLD 4216, in conjunction with the NS14 Association of Australia under the authority of Australian Sailing (AS).

3. RULES

- 3.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of sailing 2021-2024 (RRS) including the Australian Sailing Prescriptions & Special Regulations.
- 3.2 RRS Appendix T Arbitration will apply.
- 3.3 RRS Rule is amended for the NS14 Class Rule to allow registered MG14 Class Boats whose crew satisfies the eligibility criteria in Entries in the Notice of Race to participate. The MG14 must meet the NS14 Class Measurement Rules with the following allowances granted under the NS14 Constitution:
 - 3.4.1 A fixed bowsprit stub projecting less than 60mm beyond the normal measurement length is permitted. Any pointed or sharp protuberances must be safely capped accordingly.
 - 3.4.2 The mainsail shall be capable of being lowered from sailing position from within the boat afloat and upright.
 - 3.4.3 If the “MG” insignia is present on the mainsail, the NS14 Class insignis shall be affixed to the opposite side of the sail (i.e. port side uppermost). The sail number must be unique.

4. ADVERTISING

- 4.1 Advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 20 Advertising Code.
- 4.2 The OA may reject an entry of a boat, which in its opinion is carrying advertising conflicting with that of the event sponsors. In any case of doubt, the OA should be consulted as soon as practicable.
- 4.3 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen by and supplied by the organising authority.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 The regatta is open to all boats which:
- 5.1.1 comply with the rules of the NS14 Class Association (which may include the amendment as per NOR 3.3) and hold a current NS14 Class Association valid measurement certificate.
 - 5.1.2 comply with AS Special Regulations Part 2 for Off The Beach Boats;
 - 5.1.3 are registered with a Yacht Club affiliated with Australian Sailing;
 - 5.1.4 hold a current Public Liability and Third-Party Insurance Policy to the value of not less than AUD\$10 Million, which includes coverage for racing in the Regatta;
- 5.2 At least one member of the crew is a current financial member approved by the Management Committee of the NS14 Class Association of a State or Territory NS14 Class Association for the 2023/2024 season;
- 5.3 All crews must comply with RRS46 (all persons on board a boat while racing shall be members of a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing and have an Australian Sailing number, or hold a valid Sail Pass, or if an international competitor, be a member of club affiliated to a World Sailing recognised Member National Authority). International competitors must be a current member of their National Sailing Federation and have the appropriate documentation available for inspection at registration.
- 5.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration via the Regatta website page at <https://southportyachtclub.com.au/regattas/>
- 5.5 Eligibility for Youth is for persons under 18 years old and shall be under 18 years old for the entire duration of the regatta.
- 5.6 Entries are open until Midnight on January 1st 2024.

6. FEES

The event entry fees for the 2024 NS14 Australian Championships are:

DATE	ENTRY FEE	YOUTH	*REGATTA SHIRT
“Early Bird Entry Fee” for payments received before 1 st Oct 2023	\$225.00	\$200.00	YES
Normal Entry Fee - for payments received from 1 st Oct 2023 until 30 th Nov 2023	\$275.00	\$225.00	YES
Late Entry Fee - for payments received after 1 st Dec 2023.	\$300.00	\$250.00	NO

*Entries fees paid up to and including the 30th November 2023 will include one (1) Regatta Championship’s Shirt embroidered with the NS14 & SYC logo’s provided that the Shirt size is provided at time of Entry. Entry fee’s paid after 30th November 2023 will not receive a Regatta Championship’s Shirt. Additional Regatta Championships’ Shirts may also be purchased before 30th November 2023.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 7.1 Warning Signal times are deemed to be “Not Before”.
- 7.2 No warning signal shall be made after 1500hrs on 8th January 2024.
- 7.3 A maximum of 3 races will be sailed in one day.
- 7.4 The OA reserves the right to modify the schedule according to prevailing weather conditions, weather forecasts, or unforeseen circumstances.

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Fri 5 th Jan 2023	Competitor & Boat Registration	1200hrs - 1600hrs
Sat 6 th Jan 2023	Competitor & Boat Registration Compulsory Skippers Briefing Race Day 1 Warning Signal Sausage Sizzle & Daily Results	0800hrs – 0900hrs 0900hrs 1055hrs ASAP after racing
Sun 7 th Jan 2023	Compulsory Skippers Briefing Race Day 2 Warning Signal Sausage Sizzle & Daily Results	0900hrs 1055hrs ASAP after racing
Mon 8 th Jan 2023	Compulsory Skippers Briefing Race Day 3 Warning Signal Sausage Sizzle & Daily Results	0900hrs 1055hrs ASAP after racing
Tues 9 th Jan 2023	Compulsory Skippers Briefing Race Day 4 Warning Signal Sausage Sizzle & Daily Results	0900hrs 1055hrs ASAP after racing
Wed 10 th Jan 2023	Compulsory Skippers Briefing Race Day 5 Warning Signal Sausage Sizzle Final Results Presentation	0900hrs 1055hrs ASAP after racing Not Before 1600hrs

8. MEASUREMENT & EQUIPMENT

- 8.1 Only one set of spars and foils can be declared for use in the regatta. Two Jibs and one Mainsail can be declared for use in the regatta. Measurement form for all declared sails and spars must be in the hands of the appropriate State or Territory Association Measurer by the close of Registration.
- 8.2 Replacement of individual sails, spars and foils which are damaged may be permitted only with the written approval of the Event Measurer or his replacement.
- 8.3 Competing boats shall be available for inspection or measurement by the Event Measurer or his representative at any time during the Australian Championships. Boats may be weighed at the start of or during the Australian Championships. A Boat safety check list will be provided before Registration and must be completed and submitted to the OA before the end of Registration.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available to download from the Regatta website from Friday 6th December 2023.

10. VENUE

The Regatta will be conducted from Southport Yacht Club (SYC) located at 1 Marina Crescent Hollywell Qld 4216.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 The courses will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.2 The courses will consist of a combination of Windward, Leeward, Triangle and Passage type courses.
- 11.3 Racing may be conducted in both the Offshore and Inshore racing areas (subject to pre-vailing weather conditions.)
- 11.4 the Offshore racing area will be on the ocean waters between Main Beach & Surfers Paradise.
- 11.5 The Inshore racing area will be on the waters of the Broadwater between Wavebreak Island & the Measured Mile.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 The scoring system shall be the Low Point System, RRS Appendix A
- 12.2 Four races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3 When fewer than five races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 12.4 If five to eight races are completed, each boat's series score shall be the total of its race scores after discarding the worst race score.
- 12.5 If more than eight races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores after discarding her two worst race scores.
- 12.6 There will be three Scoring Systems used in the Regatta:
 - 12.6.1 National Line Results (NLR) based on elapsed times.
 - 12.6.2 National Class TCF Results (TCF) for varying hull designs.
 - 12.6.3 Nationals Handicap Results using the Performance Handicap System (PHS) where the PHS may be adjusted after each race for each competitor.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 All Support and Coach boats shall register with the OA and complete on-site registration at the Southport Yacht Club Sailing Office. The coach boat registration fee will be \$20 per vessel.
- 13.2 Each Coach and Support boat is required to have a working VHF radio tuned into a frequency designated by the Race Committee and be available to act as a support boat as directed by the Race Committee if required.
- 13.3 Detailed instructions will be issued to Team Leaders and Coaches at the completion of registration and will be contained in the Sailing Instructions.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded for overall:

15.1 Major Prizes

Perpetual trophies and prizes will be awarded as listed below:

- a. National Line Results (NL) prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd placings.
 - b. National Class TCF Results (TCF) prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd placings.
 - c. Nationals Handicap Results (PHS) awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd placings.
 - d. Classic Division — 1st Aero 10 or equivalent & prior based on PHS results
 - e. Female Skipper — 1st Female Skipper on NL results.
 - f. Youth Skipper — 1st Skipper < 18 (as at 08/01/2024) based on NL results.
 - g. Veteran Skipper - Skipper 50 years + based on NL results
 - h. Heavy Weight - Combined Crew weight of 145+kg based on NL results
- 15.2 NL results prize winners are not eligible for TCF or PHS prizes.
- 15.3 TCF prize winners are not eligible for PHS prizes.
- 15.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

16. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participation in an event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AU\$10,000,000.00 per incident or the equivalent and have coverage for racing. Proof of insurance maybe required, clearly indicating the person, the amount and the period of coverage, at registration. All owners/competitors who enter the Championships are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in Southport Yacht Club events entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3 (Decision to Race). The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

Regatta website: <https://www.southportyachtclub.com.au/regattas/>

or please contact the SYC Sailing Office on:

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